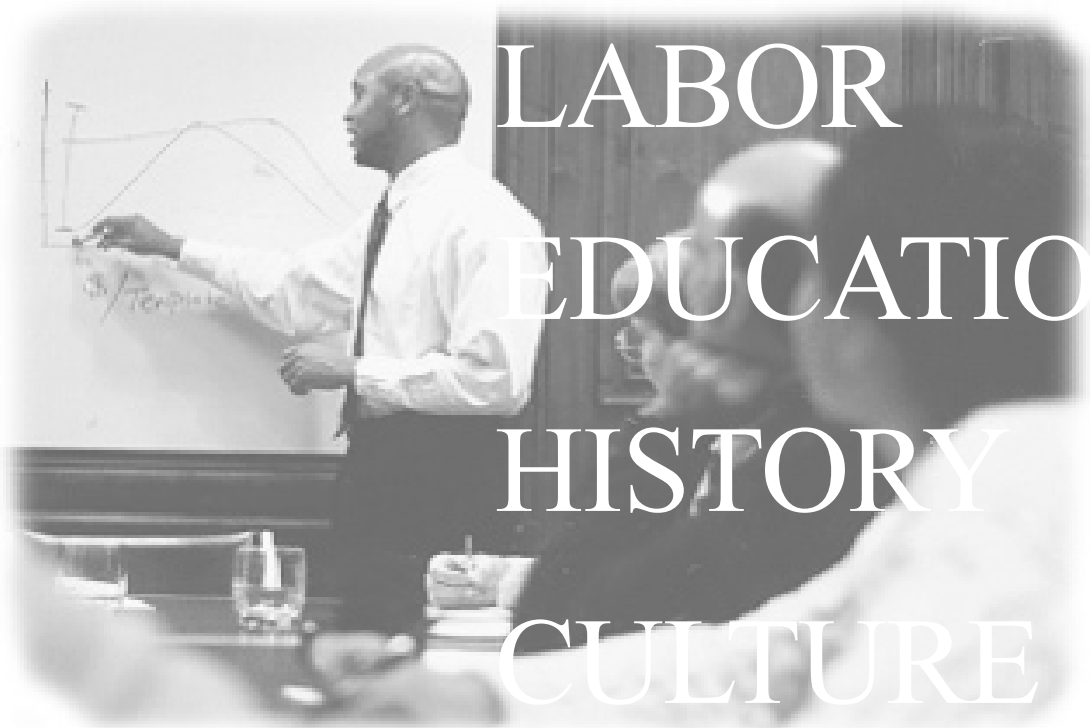


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PARISH

“...the health of a community is a shared responsibility of many entities, organizations and interests in the community, including health services delivery organizations, public health agencies, other public and private entities and the people of a community.”

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CLAIBORNE
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History¹

Named after the first governor of Louisiana, Claiborne joined the list of Louisiana parishes on March 11, 1828. Only a few years before, the first settlers arrived in this region, a wilderness of virgin forests at that time. The parish courthouse (in Homer) is a classic example of Greek Revival architecture (dating from 1861) and is one of the oldest public buildings in continuous use in the state. Claiborne Parish is the birthplace of T. H. Harris, superintendent of public education for several decades. Several Indian temple mounds are in the area. The first airmail in the South was delivered from Shreveport to Homer on July 21, 1920.



Culture and Recreation³

Located in northwestern Louisiana, Claiborne Parish is situated in some of the most scenic hill country in Louisiana. Beautiful flowering plants and trees or colorful autumn foliage greet the visitor. Extensive forests, fields, streams, Corney Lake, and Lake Claiborne create a sportsman's haven. There are also numerous festivals in addition to the Claiborne Parish Festival in Haynesville, bluegrass music shows and the annual rodeo. History buffs may step back in time in Homer at the H.S. Ford Museum and Claiborne Parish Courthouse, famous as one of four pre-Civil War courthouses still in use. In Summerfield, visit the only two-story log house in Louisiana.

Parish Seat¹ Homer¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

None

Parish Population²

1990 17,405

1997 (estimate) 17,132

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White 51%

African American 48%

Other 0%

Male 51%

Female 49%

Population age 0-4 6%

Population age 65 & over 18%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	281 ft.
Land area in square miles	754.6
Water area in square miles ⁴	12.9

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	65°
January	50°
July	80°
Annual average rainfall	66.1 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	5,840
Employed	5,340
Unemployed	500
Unemployment	8.5%

Agriculture¹

Beef and dairy cattle, timber, vegetable farming, oil and gas production, plastics, glove manufacturing, draperies and furniture.

Colleges/Universities²

(within one hour commute)

Bossier

Bossier Parish Community College

Grambling

Grambling State University

Ruston

Louisiana Tech University

Shreveport

Centenary College

Louisiana State University

Southern University

Public Libraries⁵ 2

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	6.2%
High school graduate or higher	60.9%
Some college or higher	26.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.1%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers

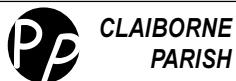
Ansell Edmont Industrial, Inc (Gloves)	295
Ludlow Corporation (Packaging products)	185
Wal-Mart (Discount retailer)	85

Public Employers

Claiborne Parish School Board (Education)	450
Wade Correctional Institution (Corrections)	382

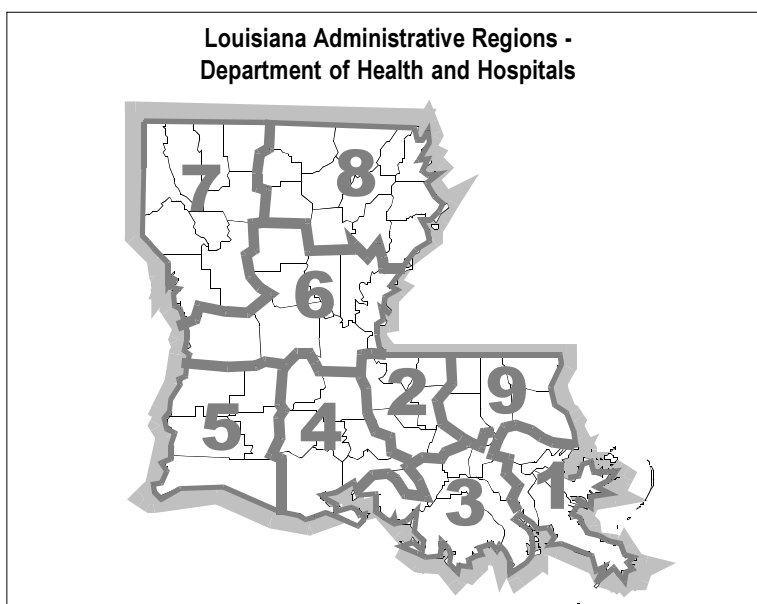
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	27.5%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	38.2%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$14,932



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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington